

# 2023 Annual Report



## Bike Rodeo Events

Walk N Roll supported bike rodeo events for Olympic View Elementary, McLane Black Lake Fire Department and the Cub Scouts at Mountain View Elementary School.

**230**

Youth learned bicycle safety skills.

Youth visited stations where they practiced bicycle safety skills, had their helmet fitted and received bicycle safety checks.

**70**

Youth participated in the Great Olympia Bike Rodeo.

In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County, Target Zero, the Olympia Police Department, and the City of Olympia, we held the second Great Olympia Bike Rodeo at Garfield Elementary School.

## Supporting Reeves Hope Bike Shop

We supported the Hope Bike Shop at Reeves Middle School by sharing donated bikes, parts, tools and mechanical advice. Hope students went on a field trip to the Walk N Roll Bike Shop where they were given a tour and demonstrated their knowledge by playing a bike anatomy game.

The Avanti Bikes! program rode bikes to the Hope Bike Shop for a tour and to share their stories of learning bike mechanics.



Walk N Roll volunteer teaching hand signals at the Great Olympia Bike Rodeo.

## Walk N Roll Encouragement

In partnership with the Bicycle Community Challenge, we organized a Youth Bike & Roll Challenge that encouraged **29** youth to bike at least **10** days in May.

**29**

Walk N Roll to School events were held.

We helped eight schools in the Olympia, Tumwater and North Thurston school districts organize Walk N Roll to School events, including celebrations for national Walk and Bike to School Days. These events encouraged students and their families to walk, bike and roll to school to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality around the school.

We encouraged the Cities of Tumwater, Lacey and Olympia to declare October Walk to School Month.

## New Permanent Location



Youth volunteering in the Walk N Roll bike shop.

## Walk N Roll Educational Bike Shop

In January we moved the bike shop to our new permanent location at Intercity Transit's Administration and Operations building. 2023 marked a year of several notable achievements that included:

- Walk N Roll's volunteer bike mechanics resumed learning and practicing bicycle mechanic skills while refurbishing donated bikes after a hiatus during the pandemic. The newly refurbished bikes were given to youth who participated in Walk N Roll bicycle education programs.
- Piloting our first Bike Tune Up Class series that included a diverse group of underrepresented participants including women, trans folks and non-binary people.
- Offering free community bike maintenance classes for teens and adults.
- Receiving **20** bike donations from a donation drive led by a volunteer in the Jubilee community.

Intercity Transit's Walk N Roll education program increases independence, improves safety and inspires a healthy lifestyle by making walking, biking, rolling, and riding public transit more accessible to people of all races, ages, incomes, and abilities.



**85**

Bikes were donated to Walk N Roll.



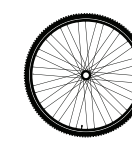
**133**

Volunteer hours spent rebuilding bikes.



**97**

Bikes were refurbished.



**15**

Participants learned to fix a flat tire and adjust gears.

## Bike-Friendly Learning Zones



Mobile Traffic Garden at YMCA Summer Camp.

## Traffic Gardens

In partnership with Safe Kids Thurston County, the Olympia School District and North Thurston Public Schools, we installed permanent traffic gardens at Centennial and Lydia Hawk Elementary Schools. The traffic gardens are used to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety skills during physical education classes and are open to the public when school is not in session.

We also partnered with Safe Kids Thurston County and Thurston Target Zero on a new Mobile Traffic Garden project. We took the Mobile Traffic Garden to Lydia Hawk Elementary School, City of Tumwater's summer camp, and three YMCA camp locations.



**411**  
Youth learned bike safety skills in a Mobile Traffic Garden.

A traffic garden is a miniature street scape that includes real world traffic features such as intersections, roundabouts and crosswalks. The garden provides an environment for children to learn and practice bicycle and pedestrian safety skills, free from motorized vehicles.

## Students in Action



Avanti students learning and practicing bicycle safety skills.

## Avanti Bikes!

We continued our partnership with Avanti High School, teaching students bicycle safety and maintenance skills as part of their physical education curriculum. During the spring, Avanti's Physical Education teacher and Walk N Roll staff co-taught the class. To increase access to the program, Walk N Roll gave refurbished bicycles to students who did not have their own.

Avanti Bikes! students supported a Bike Festival at Madison Elementary School teaching **183** students bike safety skills.

To wrap up a year of learning, Avanti Bikes! students went on a bike camping trip. Walk N Roll staff and volunteers supported the trip, taking **16** students on a 40-mile ride on gravel roads through the beautiful Olympic National Forest. For many students, it was their first camping experience.

We hired two Avanti students to serve as paid interns, supporting summer and fall bicycle education programs. The interns shared what they learned in the Avanti Bikes! program with younger students.

**36**  
Students participated in Avanti Bikes! class.

**2**  
Paid student interns were hired.

**16**  
Students completed a 40-mile bike camping trip.

## Biking, Learning and Summer Fun!

### Summer Bike Camp

We offered our first summer bike camp for youth ages 8 through 10. Campers learned bike handling and safety skills through fun games, group bicycle rides and hands-on activities. Each day we took campers on a new urban adventure traveling by walking, biking, and riding public transit.

We took students and their families on a group bike parade through downtown Olympia to celebrate a week of learning and bike adventuring.



### Public Transit Education

**370**  
Students received transit education.

We provided transit education to youth through two school bus visits and five Rolling Classroom field trips. Participants met a bus operator, toured a bus and learned why transit is important to our community.



Tumwater Hill students learning to ride a bike for the first time.



We took Summit Virtual Academy on a Rolling Classroom field trip.



**64**  
Youth learned essential bicycle skills.

### Earn-A-Bike Classes

We partnered with Olympia Parks and Recreation, Jefferson Middle School, and Nisqually Middle Schools to provide afterschool and summer Earn-A-Bike programs.

Youth learned essential bicycle safety and maintenance skills through a series of hands-on activities and group bicycle rides on city streets. All participants received a refurbished bicycle, new helmet and lock.

### Learn-to-Ride Classes

We held after school Learn-to-Ride classes at McKenny, Centennial and Tumwater Hill Elementary Schools and offered classes in partnership with South Sound YMCA and Tumwater and Olympia Parks and Recreation.

**96**  
Youth and Adults learned how to glide and ride.



## Community Partners



Earn-A-Bike students practicing bike safety skills on the road.